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Foreword

The Environmental Procedures Manual (EPM) is a compilation of environmental procedures and processes that is to be used as a guidance resource for the WSDOT and its environmental consultants. The EPM outlines WSDOT's legal requirements related to environmental, cultural, historic and social resources and is a keystone of WSDOT's Environmental Management System (EMS).

The information contained in the EPM supplements the wide range of technical expertise among WSDOT Engineering, Environmental, Highway and Local Programs, and Planning staff, as well as local agencies and consultants. It provides consistent, current, and accurate guidelines for complying with federal and state environmental laws and regulations for all phases of project delivery. The guidance provided by the EPM assists WSDOT project proposals by encouraging early consideration and documentation of environmental issues during project scoping, alternative development, and preliminary design. It also provides guidance on complying with environmental requirements during the construction and maintenance phases of a project as well as addressing utilities and surplus property sales.

Updating this manual is a continuing process, due to the ever-changing status of environmental policies. Users are encouraged to submit the Process Improvement Suggestion Form provided with the manual to help guide future updates. For convenience, the manual is also available on the WSDOT Environmental Services Office Web Site and on Compact Disk.



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